'Increase in Teachers' Posts

†3386. SHRI UDAPY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to increase the number of posts of teachers in Central Universities and technical educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) While the power to determine the number of posts of teachers in central universities and technical educational institutes vests in the universities/institutes themselves; should the operation of Section 3(iii) of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 envisaging reservation of seats for the Other Backward Classes, which has been put on hold by an interim order of the Supreme Court of India, come into force, it would be necessary to increase the number of posts of teachers in central universities and technical educational institutes, for which the requisite financial assistance will be provided by the Government, in order to ensure the standards of higher education.

Serving egg in Mid-day Meal

†3387. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an egg has been introduced with the meal served under the Mid-day Meal Scheme in each State;

(b) whether any alternative arrangement is being made to provide vegetarian food in place of egg to the children who are vegetarian; and

(c) whether Government are aware that a child has died immediately after consuming the egg in Andhra Pradesh as the child could not get water to drink due to non-availability of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The existing guidelines of the Mid-day meal Scheme stipulate that mid-day

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